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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 1-157 without prejudice. Following the cancellation of this claim, the status of the claims in this application is as shown in the following CLAIM LISTING.

**CLAIM LISTING:**

1-157. (Cancelled).

158. (New) A nonwoven fabric comprising:

a first layer of substantially parallel first yarns; and

a second layer of substantially parallel second yarns;

the first and second yarns being substantially perpendicular to one another and the first and second layers being adhered together with an adhesive that is substantially only between the first and second layers.

159. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 158, wherein the adhesive is on only one side of the first yarns.

160. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 159, wherein the substantially parallel first yarns in the first layer are held together to form a sheet by bridges of the adhesive which prevent twisting of the individual first yarns in the first layer.

161. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 159, wherein the adhesive is on the one side of the first yarns at a level of from about 5 weight percent to about 25 weight percent, based upon the total weight of the sheet of the first yarns.

162. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 161, wherein the total weight of the

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sheet of the first yarns is about  $50 \text{ g/m}^2$  and the adhesive weight is about 2 to  $15 \text{ g/m}^2$ .

163. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 161, wherein the total weight of the sheet of the first yarns is about  $50 \text{ g/m}^2$  and the adhesive weight is about 5 to  $10 \text{ g/m}^2$ .

164. (New) The nonwoven fabric of any one of claims 158-163, wherein the first yarns are selected from the group consisting of polymer fibers, natural fibers, synthetic fibers, composite fibers, carbon fibers, glass fibers, metallic fibers and graphite.

165. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 164, wherein the polymer fibers are selected from the group consisting of polyester, polyethylene, rayon, polypropylene and nylon fibers.

166. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 164, wherein the natural fibers are selected from the group consisting of cotton fibers and wool fibers.

167. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 164, wherein the metal fibers are selected from the group consisting of copper, gold, aluminum, silver and platinum.

168. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 164, wherein one or more of the first yarns are glass fibers.

169. (New) The nonwoven fabric of any one of claims 158-163, wherein the substantially parallel first yarns have been formed in a warp-direction and supported and bonded on only one side by the adhesive.

170. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 169, wherein the adhesive has been applied to the first yarns by dip/nip saturation, spraying, gravure coating, or kiss coating.

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171. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 170, wherein the adhesive has a thickness of about 0.25 mil to about 1 mil.

172. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 170, wherein the adhesive is a heat activatable adhesive.

173. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 172, wherein the adhesive is a hot melt adhesive.

174. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 173, wherein the adhesive is a hot melt copolyester polymer.

175. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 170, wherein the adhesive is a scrim or lace web of adhesive or a meltblown adhesive.

176. (New) The nonwoven fabric of any one of claims 158-163, wherein the adhesive is from about 5 to 20 percent by weight of the total weight of the fabric.

177. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 176, wherein the adhesive is from about 10 to 15 percent by weight of the total weight of the fabric.

178. (New) The nonwoven fabric of any one of claims 158-163, wherein the second yarns extend at an angle of about 80 degrees to about 89.7 degrees relative to the first yarns.

179. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 178, wherein the second yarns extend at an angle of about 85 to about 89.7 degrees relative to the first yarns.

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180. (New) The nonwoven fabric of any one of claims 158-163, wherein the first yarns are equally spaced apart and the second yarns are equally spaced apart.

181. (New) The nonwoven fabric of any one of claims 158-163, wherein the first layer and/or the second layer has a density of at least 40 yarns per inch in a transverse direction of the yarns.

182. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 181, wherein the first layer and/or the second layer has a density of between 40 and 140 yarns per inch in a transverse direction of the yarns.

183. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 182, wherein the first layer and/or the second layer has a density of between 60 and 100 yarns per inch in a transverse direction of the yarns.

184. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 183, wherein the first layer has a density of 40 to 90 yarns per inch of 30/1 to 36/1 count yarn.

185. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 183, wherein the second layer has a density of 90 to 140 yarns per inch of 36/1 count yarn.

186. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 164, wherein the second yarns are selected from the group consisting of polymer fibers, natural fibers, synthetic fibers, composite fibers, carbon fibers, glass fibers, metallic fibers and graphite.

187. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 186, wherein the polymer fibers are selected from the group consisting of polyester, polyethylene, rayon, polypropylene and nylon fibers.

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188. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 186, wherein the natural fibers are selected from the group consisting of cotton fibers and wool fibers.

189. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 186, wherein the metal fibers are independently selected from the group consisting of copper, gold, aluminum, silver and platinum.

190. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 186, wherein one or more of the second yarns are glass fibers.

191. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 186, wherein one or more of the first yarns are spun polyester yarns.

192. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 186, wherein one or more of the second yarns are single strand cotton yarns.

193. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 169, wherein the second yarns have been formed in a weft-direction and a side of the second yarns are supported by, and adhered to, the one side of the first yarns by the adhesive, applied to only the one side of the first yarns.

194. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 193 which has a weft-direction strength equal to its warp-direction strength.

195. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 193, wherein the denier of all the first and second yarns is approximately the same.

196. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 193, wherein the denier of some of

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the first yarns is different and/or the denier of some of the second yarns is different.

197. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 193, wherein the denier of all the first yarns is the same and the denier of all the second yarns is the same.

198. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 193, wherein the denier of the first yarns is different from the denier of the second yarns.

199. (New) The nonwoven fabric of claim 193, wherein some of the second yarns are of a smaller denier than the first yarns.

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